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## WYOMING TOTAL COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 2 PERCENT

**Commercial red meat production** in **Wyoming** during September 2011 totaled 500,000 pounds, according to Steven Gunn with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. This is down 400,000 from last month's production. Commercial red meat production includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton but excludes animals slaughtered on farm.

Six hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in Wyoming during September, down 300 head from last month. Total live weight was 719,000 pounds, down 3 percent from the previous September. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,126 pounds, down 107 pounds from last month.

A total of 500 **commercial hogs** were processed, stayed the same as last September and down 800 hogs from last month. Total live weight, at 133,000 pounds, was up 8 percent from September 2010. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 260 pounds up 4 pounds from the previous month.

One hundred **sheep and lambs** were slaughtered in September, down 100 head from this time last year and down 200 head from last month. Total live weight was 16,000 pounds, down 38 percent from last year. Average live weight of sheep processed, at 134 pounds, was down 17 pounds from last year.

**UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.19 billion pounds in September, up 1 percent from the 4.16 billion pounds produced in September 2010.

**Beef production**, at 2.22 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.88 million head, down 1 percent from September 2010. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,278 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.95 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.69 million head, up 4 percent from September 2010. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.8 million pounds, was down 10 percent from September 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 177,000 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 5 pounds from September a year ago.

**January to September 2011 commercial red meat production** was 36.5 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

**COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER SEPTEMBER 2010 AND 2011, WYOMING AND U.S.**

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Live Weight			Number of Head		Total Live Weight		
	Sep 2010	Sep 2011	Sep 2010	Sep 2011	2011/2010	Sep 2010	Sep 2011	Sep 2010	Sep 2011	2011/2010
			<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Cattle</b>	600	600	742	719	96.7	2,897.40	2,876.2	3,722,456	3,664,311	104.2
<b>Hogs</b>	500	500	123	133	123.7	9,346.6	9,688.0	2,524,830	2,617,936	104.1
<b>Sheep &amp; Lambs</b>	200	100	26	16	95.8	204,700	177,000	26,288	23,665	101.7